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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:

David William Boerstler : Tse, Young Toi

Serial No.: 09/820,512 : Group Art Unit: 2637

Filed: March 29, 2001 :

: IBM Corporation

Title: SYNCHRONIZATION STATE : Intellectual Property Law

DETECTOR : 11400 Burnet Road : Austin, Texas 78758

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 16, 2004 (Paper No. 3), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 16, 2004, and extended to December 16, 2004 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

## **CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

Signature

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(Printed name of person certifying)